UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 18 CR 48

v.

EDWARD BASES and JOHN PACILIO

Judge John Z. Lee

MOTION TO SEAL

The United States of America, by ROBERT A. ZINK, Chief of the Fraud Section, Criminal Division, respectfully requests permission to file a forthcoming motion under seal and on an *ex parte* basis in order to obtain approval to file certain records (the "Records") under seal and *ex parte*.

To obtain permission from the Court to file anything under seal, the party seeking permission must provide the Court with a basis for granting the request. See Local Rule 26.2(b). Because of the nature of the Records, the government is unable to explain in this publicly-filed motion its rationale for why it wishes to provide the Records under seal and ex parte. Therefore, the government respectfully requests permission to file a separate motion explaining its reasons under seal and on an ex parte basis.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT A. ZINK

Chief

Criminal Division, Fraud Section

U.S. Department of Justice

By: /s/ Avi Perry

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Dated: April 13, 2020

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 13, 2020, I will cause the foregoing to be electronically field with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will provide copies to counsel for all parties.

/s/ Avi Perry

Avi Perry, Assistant Chief U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division, Fraud Section